

**STIPULATED SCHEDULING AND DISCOVERY ORDER
FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KANE**

[Please note that except for the caption and signature blocks, the Stipulated Scheduling and Discovery Order actually filed must comply with the double-spacing requirement of D.C.Colo.LCivR 10.1E. The use of "et al." to identify additional plaintiffs or defendants is not acceptable. The bracketed and italicized text on the form convey instructions to counsel or parties appearing pro se and should not be included in the proposed Scheduling and Discovery Order submitted to the court.]

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. *

*,

Plaintiff*,

v.

*,

Defendant*.

STIPULATED SCHEDULING AND DISCOVERY ORDER

1. DATE OF CONFERENCE

[Provide the date of the Scheduling and Discovery Conference.]

2. STATEMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEFENSES

a. Plaintiff(s)' statement:

b. Defendant(s)' statement:

- c. Other parties' statement:

[Each party shall make a concise narrative statement of all claims or defenses. Unless the same items of relief are sought against all defendants, use of the collective "defendants" is inappropriate. Each party should, in light of any informal discovery undertaken thus far, take special care to eliminate frivolous claims or defenses. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(c)(1), 11. Jurisdictional or otherwise dispositive affirmative defenses should be addressed by dispositive motion or risk being deemed waived at the Pretrial Conference. Do not summarize the pleadings. Statements such as "defendant denies the material allegations of the complaint" are not acceptable.]

3. UNDISPUTED FACTS

The following facts are undisputed:

- a.
b.
c.

[....., etc.]

[A statement of all facts which the parties acknowledge to be undisputed. When the parties have their Rule 26(f) meeting, they should make a good faith attempt to determine the facts that are not in dispute.]

4. COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES

[Include a computation of all categories of damages sought or the basis and theory for calculating damages. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1)(C). This should include the claims, counterclaims and cross-claims of all parties.]

5. REPORT OF PRE-CONFERENCE DISCOVERY & MEETING UNDER Fed. R.Civ. P. 26(f)

- a. Date of Rule 26(f) meeting:
b. Names of each participant and each party represented:
c. Proposed changes, if any, in timing or requirement of disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1):

- d. Statement as to when Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures were made or will be made:

[If a party's disclosures were not made within the time provided in my Pretrial and Trial Procedures Memorandum and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), the party must here provide an explanation showing good cause for the omission.]

- e. Statement concerning any agreements to conduct informal discovery:

[State whether the parties have agreed to informal discovery such as conducting joint interviews with potential witnesses or joint meetings with clients or exchanging documents outside of formal discovery. If there is an agreement to conduct joint interviews with potential witnesses, list the names of such witnesses.]

- f. Statement concerning any agreements or proposals regarding electronic discovery:

[In cases in which: (i) the substantive allegations involve extensive computer-generated records; (ii) a substantial amount of disclosure or discovery will involve information or records in electronic form (e.g., e-mail, word processing, databases); (iii) expert witnesses will develop testimony based in large part on computer data and/or modeling; or (iv) either party plans to present a substantial amount of evidence in digital form at trial, the parties shall confer regarding steps they can take to preserve relevant computer records and data, facilitate computer-based discovery, limit discovery costs and delay and avoid discovery disputes. Counsel should provide a statement here regarding agreements or proposals regarding electronic discovery made at the Rule 26(f) conference and be prepared to discuss these issues, as appropriate, at the Scheduling Conference.]

- g. Statement concerning any other agreements or proposals to reduce discovery and other litigation costs:

[Examples of means of reducing discovery and other litigation costs include depositions via telephone, joint repositories for documents, use of discovery in other cases and extensive use of expert affidavits to support judicial notice.]

- h. Statement regarding whether the parties intend to use a unified exhibit numbering system:

[Parties are encouraged, but not required, to use a unified exhibit numbering system. A unified exhibit numbering system means that each exhibit is given only one arabic number throughout the litigation and that number is used no matter who presents or offers it. If counsel wish to learn more about this system, upon request, I will provide further explanation and the names of attorneys who have used it to their satisfaction.]

6. CASE PLAN AND SCHEDULE

The plan and schedule must include the following items:

a. Deadline for Joinder of Parties

[No later than 45 days after the Scheduling Conference.]

b. Deadline to Amend Pleadings

[No later than 45 days after the Scheduling Conference.]

c. Discovery Cut-off

[Not more than six months if one plaintiff and one defendant. Not more than 12 months if multiple parties. This period includes both fact and expert discovery. Any longer periods proposed by the parties must be fully justified to the court at the Scheduling Conference.]

d. Dispositive Motion Deadline

[Not more than 30 days after discovery cut-off.]

e. Expert Witness Disclosure

(1) Statement regarding anticipated fields of expert testimony, if any:

(2) Statement regarding any limitations proposed on the use or number of expert witnesses:

(3) The parties shall designate all experts and provide opposing counsel and any pro se party with all information specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) on or before _____, 200_.

[This deadline should ordinarily be no later than 60 days before the discovery cut-off.]

(4) The parties shall designate all rebuttal experts and provide opposing counsel and any pro se party with all information specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) on or before _____, 200_.

[This deadline should ordinarily be no later than 30 days before the discovery cut-off.]

- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2), no exception to the requirements of the rule will be allowed by stipulation of the parties unless the stipulation is approved by the court.

f. Deposition Schedule

Name of Deponent	Date of Deposition	Time of Deposition	Expected Length of Deposition

*[List the names of persons to be deposed and a schedule of any depositions to be taken, including: (i) a good faith estimate of the time needed for the deposition and (ii) time(s), date(s), and location(s) for the deposition to which the persons signing the Stipulated Scheduling and Discovery Order have agreed. Counsel **must confer in advance of the Scheduling Conference**, and unless otherwise ordered and for good cause stated (e.g., counsel does not know the names of any deponent until receipt of answers to interrogatories), identify by name, title or occupation the persons counsel wishes to depose.]*

g. Interrogatory Schedule

[Set a schedule for the submission of and response to any written interrogatories.]

h. Schedule for Request for Production of Documents

[Set a schedule for the submission of and response to any requests for documents.]

i. Discovery Limitations

- (1) Any limits any party proposes on the length of any deposition:
- (2) Any modifications any party proposes on the presumptive numbers of depositions or interrogatories contained in the federal rules:
- (3) Any limitations any party proposes on the number of requests for production of documents and/or requests for admissions:

j. Other Planning or Discovery Orders

[Set forth any other proposed orders concerning scheduling or discovery.]

7. SETTLEMENT

*[The parties must certify here that, as required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), they have discussed the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of the case by alternate dispute resolution. This statement should also report whether any of the parties requests a settlement conference before a magistrate judge. **Note:** I do not preside over settlement conferences. I will refer this case to a magistrate judge for a settlement conference if any party requests such a reference. Be prepared at the Scheduling Conference to advise me when and under what circumstances it will be propitious to take further steps toward settlement.]*

8. OTHER SCHEDULING ISSUES

- a. Statement of those discovery or scheduling issues, if any, on which counsel, after a good faith effort, were unable to reach an agreement:
- b. Statement of anticipated motions-to be filed, by whom, estimated time of filing, and any proposed briefing schedule:

[Note that my general practice is to require that the response or answer brief be filed 20 days from the date of filing of the motion and the reply brief 15 days from the date of filing of the response brief.]

- c. Statement whether trial is to the court or jury:

9. AMENDMENTS TO DISCOVERY AND SCHEDULING ORDER

[Include the following statement:]

This Stipulated Scheduling and Discovery Order may be altered or amended only upon motion showing good cause and order entered thereon.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 200__

BY THE COURT:

JOHN L. KANE, Senior Judge
United States District Court

[Please affix counsels' signatures in the form below before submission of the Stipulated Scheduling and Discovery Order to the court.]

**STIPULATED SCHEDULING AND
DISCOVERY ORDER APPROVED:**

(Name)
(Address)
(Telephone Number)

Attorney for Plaintiff (or Plaintiff, *Pro Se*)

(Name)
(Address)
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Attorney for Defendant (or Defendant,
Pro Se)